

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 051160)

## RESOLUTION

Honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Professional Convention Management Association.

WHEREAS, The Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) was founded fifty years ago as a networking exchange for health care association executives; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, the PCMA members voted to extend membership to industry suppliers such as hoteliers, convention and visitor bureaus, and audio-visual companies designating them as Affiliate members; and

Whereas, The PCMA Education Foundation was later established to ensure the availability of highly trained professional employees for the future of the meeting industry; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, PCMA opened membership to all nonprofit association meeting professionals and CEO's and also created the Network for the Needy Program which encourages donation of surplus food from meeting events to local food rescue programs; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, the Education Foundation launched the learning Environment Specialist program to help hotel conference centers and convention center professionals create optimal conditions for learning; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, PCMA approved a series of Bylaw amendments that included a revision to the organization's mission statement to clarify the focus to support, promote and educate the association community; and

WHEREAS, PCMA's magazine *Convene* was named a 2003 EXCEL Society of National Association Publications Gold Award winner for its September 2002 cover; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and commend the Professional Convention Management Association on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the PCMA as a symbol of this legislative body's gratitude for the role it has played to improve, educate and promote the value of professional convention management.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the first of December, 2005.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Nutter and DiCicco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Nutter, DiCicco, Tasco, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Rizzo, Kenney, Krajewski, Kelly, Ramos, Miller, Council President Verna, O'Neill, Mariano and Clarke